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## D. C. COMMITTEE 'PACKED' AGAINST HALF AND HALF

Six of Democrats Have Voted  
for Abolition, According  
to the Records.

JOHNSON IS CHAIRMAN

Only Two Voted Against  
Page Rider at the Last  
Session.

REPUBLICANS ARE NOT NAMED

Majority Personnel Includes Two  
Single Taxers Anxious to Revolu-  
tionize District Tax System.

By JOSEPH P. ANNIN.

Of the thirteen Democratic members of the House District Committee announced by the Democratic caucus yesterday, six voted in favor of abolishing the half-and-half plan at the last session; two voted against the abolition proposed by the Page amendment to the District appropriation bill, four did not vote at all, and one was not a member of the Sixty-third Congress.

This is the record of the vote on the Page rider which carried in the House by 185 to 150, four voting present and 128 not voting. On the face of this showing, it would be hard to explain to the average mind that the committee is not handicapped to meet the views of its chairman, Representative Ben Johnson, of Bardonia, Ky. The Republican selections, eight in number, will not be announced by Representative Mann, minority leader, until tomorrow, when the Sixty-third Congress convenes.

Analysis of the Vote.

Members of the Democratic majority of the committee and their vote last session on the Page rider abolishing the half-and-half plan, are as follows: For the Page rider: Ben Johnson, chairman, of Kentucky; Robert Crosser, Ohio; C. O. Lobeck, Nebraska; Joe H. Eagle, Texas; Carl Vinson, Georgia; and Warren Worth Bailey, Pennsylvania.

Against the Page rider: James T. Lloyd, Missouri; J. Willard Ragsdale, South Carolina.

Not voting: James A. Hamill, New Jersey; Peter J. Downing, New York; Emmett Wilson, Florida.

Benjamin C. Hilliard, of Colorado, is the only new member of Congress to be assigned by the Democrats to the District Committee.

Importance to the District.

The importance of this assignment to the District cannot be overestimated when it is remembered that this Congress at the coming session is expected to determine for years to come how the expenses of the National Capital are to be met and how to what extent the Federal government shall contribute to the maintenance of its Capital.

As the controversy over the half-and-half plan has been made the vehicle of a determined attempt to inject the single tax theory into the question, it is interesting to note that the Democratic selections include the name of Representative Warren Worth Bailey, a single tax advocate of years standing, and who was not a member of the committee in the Sixty-third Congress. Representative Crosser also favors the single tax.

Sayville Wireless Report.

Berlin, via Sayville, Dec. 4.—King Peter, of Serbia, sent the following message to Czar Nicholas of Russia when he was forced to leave Serbian soil, according to the Trans-Oceans News Bureau:

"Serbia has always been devoted to Russia. Serbia has sacrificed her forces and shed her blood. Now I have to leave my country—an old man—my country whose destruction was caused by the Czar's evil counselors."

Our Flag Hauled Down.

Athens, Dec. 4.—When the German allies entered Monastir the Stars and Stripes over the Red Cross Hospital were hauled down and the Austrian flag raised. The Red Cross Hospital at Monastir has been conducted by American doctors for some time.

## A Christmas Thought

—The Christmas spirit is essentially that of thinking of the happiness of others. Carry it out to the fullest extent and

Do Your Christmas Shopping Early

—Think about the happiness and comfort of those who serve you in the stores and relieve them of the unnecessary toil attendant upon "last-minute scrambling" for gifts.

## U. S. Ship Sends S O S As Submarine Attacks

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.  
Athens, Dec. 4.—A wireless "S O S" call reached Athens this morning from an unnamed American ship.

The message stated she was being attacked by an Austrian or a German submarine south of the island of Crete.

Subsequent efforts to communicate with the vessel were fruitless.

The collier Caesar, which is in eastern Mediterranean waters, may be in the vicinity from which the message was sent.

## CLOTURE RULE PUT TO DEATH

Caucus of Senate Democrats  
Votes Against Regulating  
Debate, 40 to 3.

NO BITTERNESS IN SPEECHES;  
FRIENDS OF PLAN OPTIMISTIC

Many Believe Fate of Ship Purchase  
Bill Is Wrapped Up in Owen's  
Defeated Proposal.

"Apprehended by the fumes of verbosity" was the way one Democratic Senator explained what happened to the cloture rule, which the Democratic party conference formally put to sleep yesterday. The caucus, by a rising vote, forty to three, decided that cloture, involving a change of the rules of the Senate, was not a party measure.

Senator Owen, of Oklahoma, then withdrew the committee's report and said he would offer it in the Senate, to be referred to the committee on rules. Senator Overman, chairman of that committee, is known to be opposed to any form of cloture and made a speech in the conference in opposition to it.

It was conceded after the adjournment of the party conference, that there was no hope of any cloture. A debate that waxed personal, at times, earlier in the week, took on a conciliatory turn yesterday. Even with the cloture rule laid out and embalmed for interment, the friends of the ill-starred parliamentary product had no bitter words for those who killed it. "I know when I am licked," observed Senator Stone, of Missouri, who was one of the consistent defenders of the drastic innovation.

Commencing early in the week, with a demand for a very stringent rule to cut off debate, the committee on cloture, with Chairman Owen at the head, gradually modified the proposed rule until it had little of terror for anybody who might want to talk in the Senate. From a roaring parliamentary lion it was so modified by its keepers that it finally appeared even to the opponents of cloture as "caged and toothless."

Speechmaking begun at 10 o'clock in the morning, under an agreement that the vote should be taken not later than 5 o'clock. It raged all day, with a brief intermission for lunch. When 5 o'clock arrived, none seemed eager for the vote and the action withdrawing the pending question was taken by unanimous consent.

Speeches were made by nearly every Senator present. Senator Kern presided most of the day. Senator O'Gorman, of New York, took very decided ground against cloture. Senator Clarke, recently chosen president pro tempore, recorded his voice in favor of postponing action on cloture. Senator Hughes expressed the opinion that a mistake had been made in making the cloture matter a party question. Other speeches were made by Senators Vandaman, Stone, Pomeroy, Simmons and Overman.

Many Senators believe the fate of Secretary McAdoo's ship purchase bill was wrapped up in the cloture rule, and that the practical refusal of the Democratic conference to make cloture a party measure was unfavorably affected, if it has not practically defeated, the bill.

FREED AFTER SEVEN YEARS.

Walker Leaves Connecticut Prison  
with 13 Counting Against Him.

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 4.—Hiding behind the tonneau curtains of the warden's automobile, William F. Walker, church and bank embezzler, was rushed through the gates of the Connecticut State prison, six miles south of this city, early today and before 10 o'clock was with his sister, the wife of State Referee John Coats, No. 41 Vine street, New Britain.

Walker was ordered freed by the State board of pardons last Wednesday after serving but seven of the twenty years of his sentence.

He confessed looting the New Britain Savings Bank and the Connecticut Baptist Convention for about \$620,000.

Van Mackensen Twice Hit by Serbs.

Copenhagen, Dec. 4.—Field Marshal von Mackensen was twice wounded during the Serbian campaign, according to letters received from Berlin.

A bullet fired by a Serbian sharpshooter at Belgrade went through the German leader's arm and two days later a spent bullet struck him in the shoulder.

## DEMOCRATS SPLIT ON DEFENSE AS CONGRESS OPENS

Leaders Cannot Decide How  
to Raise Money for Pre-  
paredness Plan.

SENATE FACTIONS FIGHT

Administration Worried Over  
Outlook for Success of  
Its Program.

REPUBLICAN RANKS REUNITED

Sentiment of Legislators Against  
Heavier Taxes—G. O. P. Men Say  
Democratic Rupture Will Come.

The Sixty-fourth Congress will start off tomorrow with the Democratic leaders at odds over the question of national defense and undetermined as to what measures shall be adopted to raise the revenue needed to prepare the army and navy against the time of possible warfare.

In the Senate, factional strife among the Democrats is running at such an extent that fear is expressed that the administration may become embroiled and President Wilson defeated in his purpose to put through a legislative program upon which the party may appeal for votes in the national election of 1916. In the House, Representative Kitchin, the Democratic leader, is opposed to the national defense program of the administration.

G. O. P. Men Say Break Will Come.

Republicans appear to be confident that the Democratic organization is about to crack. They insist the President's grip on his party in Congress is not as strong as formerly. That the administration is worried over the outlook is apparent.

Notwithstanding the popular demand for preparedness expenditures, everybody here is now obliged to concede that, under the surface in Congress, there is a sentiment against large appropriations for the two military establishments. This is notably true of the delegations from the Southern States, which form the backbone of the Democratic organization. Southern Democrats are seeking information as to where the funds are to come from to give the defense program the effect of law.

The administration has been told that if the question is treated in a partisan way, action may be delayed for months, if not prevented altogether. It is estimated that somewhere from twenty-five to sixty Democrats are likely to vote against this particular administration policy.

Have Horror of Added Taxation.

Nearly all Democrats, looking forward to the elections of next year, have a horror of voting for bills to impose additional taxation. Many members prefer to defer action on defense legislation until after the Presidential election.

On the revenue phase of this problem, the Republicans are hopeful of making a lot of political capital. The minority will be a live, militant body. Its members see a good chance for victory next year. The Republicans in both houses will act in harmony. If there are any insurgents in the House, they will be Democrats.

A strenuous effort will be made by the administration to jam through the government-owned ship bill. This measure failed of passage in the last Congress. It was put through the House in good order, but struck a snag in the Senate. With the narrow Democratic margin, it is by no means certain that it will pass that body.

The agricultural West, through its delegations in Congress, will demand the passage of a rural credit bill. Western members want the government to assist financially any chain of land credit banks that may be established by authority of Congress. The administration is on record in opposition to this.

Woman's suffrage and prohibition of the liquor traffic will add a little to the picturesqueness of the session. Constitutional amendments providing for these reforms will be offered. The chances are that neither reform will be adopted.

BURBANK'S HEART RIGHT.

But He Gets Cold Feet About Join-  
ing Henry Ford's Joy Ride.

Special to The Washington Herald.  
New York, Dec. 4.—Among the many telegrams received today by Henry Ford before he sailed to end the war was this one:

Santa Rosa, Cal., Dec. 4.—"Was away from home when your telegram arrived. Your efforts in this line will go down into posterity as the most humane, the most dramatic and the clearest demonstration of the Christ principle in the history of the planet."

"My heart is with you, but I am not used to cold weather, and my life might be snuffed out in the effort if I tried to meet your steamer."

Greek Transport Reported Sunk.

Paris, Dec. 4.—An Athens dispatch says the Greek transport Zifis, 5,000 tons, was sunk by a German submarine near Malta, but the crew was saved.

## "Untroubled Heavens" Fight For England, Says Kipling

"Through Headlong Winds"  
Defying Fate's Discourtesy,  
Albion Is Steering Her  
Solemn Ship, in Jeopardy,  
but with Victory Still  
Blowing in Her Wide-  
spread Sails.

Britain Not a Bit Afraid But Con-  
scious of Her Great Duty to  
the World, Sends Out Her Sea  
Patrol as "Fringes of the  
Fleet."

"THE FRINGES OF THE FLEET."  
PATROLS.

On the edge of the North sea sits an admiral in charge of a stretch of coast without lights or marks, along which the traffic moves much as usual. In front of him there is nothing but the east wind the enemy and some few of our ships. Behind him there are towns, with M. P.'s attached, who, a little while ago, didn't see the reason for certain lightning orders. When a Zeppelin or two came, they saw: Left and right of him are enormous docks, with vast crowded sheds, miles of stone-faced quay-edges, loaded with all manner of supplies and crowded with mixed shipping.

Oh, the Staff, Staff!

In this exalted world one met staff-captains, staff-commanders, staff-lieutenants and secretaries, with paymasters so senior that they almost ranked with admirals. There were warrant-officers, too, who long ago gave up splashing about decks barefoot, and now check and issue stores to the ravenous, untruthful fleets. Said one of these, guarding a collection of desirable things, to

PATROLS.

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By RUDYARD KIPLING.  
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Be well assured that on our side  
The untroubled heavens fight,  
Though headlong wind and heaving  
tide  
Make us their sport tonight.  
By force of weather not of war  
In jeopardy we steer,  
Then welcome Fate's discourtesy  
Whereby it shall appear  
How in all time of our distress  
And our deliverance too,  
The game is more than the  
player of the game  
And the ship is more than the  
crew.

Be well assured, though wave and  
wind  
Have mightier blows in store,  
That we who keep the watch as-  
signed  
Must stand to it the more,  
And as our streaming bows rebuke  
Each billow's baucled career,  
Sing welcome Fate's discourtesy  
Whereby it is made clear, etc.

Be well assured, though in our  
power,  
Is nothing left to give  
But time and place to meet the  
hour  
And leave to strive to live,  
Till these dissolve our order holds,  
Our Service binds us here,  
Then welcome Fate's discourtesy  
Whereby it is made clear  
How in all time of our distress  
And in our triumph, too,  
The game is more than the  
player of the game,  
And the ship is more than the  
crew.

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## Peace Ship Sails in Uproar But Bryan, Waving Red Rose, Says God Bless You! to Ford

There's a Wedding, an Attempt at Suicide, and All Sorts of  
Awful Things Preceding Her Departure—Dr. Aked, Late  
at Pier, Loses Luggage, and College Men Are Left.

Special to The Washington Herald.

New York, Dec. 4.—The good ship Oscar II, with Henry Ford's peace pilgrims aboard, set sail for blood-stained Europe at 2:15 this afternoon. Cheers and tears flooded Hoboken's water front. William Jennings Bryan stood on the end of the thrummed dock waving a red rose and murmuring "God bless you."

Beside Bryan stood Thomas A. Edison and Mrs. Ford and her son, Edsel. Behind these stood 10,000 howling men and women. And out of these 10,000 one man went insane and jumped into the water.

They Saved the Poor Man.

He jumped saying he'd swim behind the ship to ward off torpedoes. Public opinion was forcing him to do it, he said. He made a clear dive right beneath the outstretched arm of Mr. Bryan. It took the crew of the tug Girard H. Keller ten minutes to fish the man out of the cold river. They took him to St. Mary's Hospital.

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## 18,000,000 Saw Big "Pan" Show

Exposition Is Closed with  
Cheerful Statement About  
Financial Success.

Special to The Washington Herald.

San Francisco, Dec. 4.—The Panama-Pacific International Exposition closed its gates at 11 o'clock tonight with a total attendance for the 284 days of 18,763,299. This figure is based on an estimate of the closing day attendance at 250,000 and will be subject to slight revision. This gives an average daily attendance of 66,000.

The total attendance of the Chicago exposition was 27,829,400, and that of the St. Louis exposition 20,066,338.

Impressive ceremonies marked the end of the exposition. The total of cash admissions of the exposition, exclusive of the closing day, was \$4,053,948. In addition to this revenue the exposition received a large sum from its share of the concessions receipts, the total of which has not yet been estimated.

It cost \$13,363,135.09 to build the exposition, including the cost of the ground. On the opening day the income from State and city taxes and from public subscriptions was \$18,985,553.79. This left a deficit of \$1,378,637.90. From its operating surplus during the exposition period the exposition paid this deficit and closed tonight with an estimated net balance of \$2,151,169.82 counting the municipal auditorium, the exposition's gift to the city, as an asset worth \$1,086,000. An estimated deficit of \$100,000 in wrecking the exposition will leave final net balance at \$1,050,000 in round numbers, exclusive of the auditorium.

Turkish Flag Over Monastir.

London, Dec. 4.—A dispatch to Lloyd's news from Athens says that the Turkish flag once more flies over Monastir, side by side with the German and Austrian. The inhabitants are displaying their joy by firing guns.

## GERMANY MAY DEMAND PROOF ABOUT ENVOYS

Doubt Here if Berlin Will Ac-  
cept Formal Request for  
Recall.

THEIR SAFETY IS DESIRED

May Ask that U. S. Send  
Warship to Escort  
Successors.

BIG QUESTION RAISED, IT'S SAID

Allies Willing to Take Them Away,  
but May Not Care to Help Their  
Successors Here.

Germany will not permit the cases against Capt. Boy-Ed and Von Papen to be closed with the mere request by this government for their recall. Germany will insist upon a statement of the evidence upon which the United States has taken this action.

Although no instructions have reached Washington from Berlin as yet, there is good reason to believe that the German government not only will ask for a safe conduct for the recalled military and naval attaches, but also will request similar guarantees for the successors of Boy-Ed and Von Papen in their journey from Germany to the United States. In other words, Germany will insist upon naming officers to succeed the two attaches and will call upon the United States to see that they are permitted to get to Washington in safety.

Important Questions Involved.

If this course is pursued by Germany, as now seems likely, very interesting questions will be raised. There is no doubt that the allies will be willing to grant safe conduct to Boy-Ed and Von Papen on their return to Germany, because the disappearance of the two German representatives from this country probably would be a distinct military gain inasmuch as it would tend to cripple the German supply organization in this country. When it comes to the successors to Boy-Ed and Von Papen, however, it is another matter.

There is grave doubt here whether Great Britain and her allies would even consider a request for safe conduct of representatives who were obviously going out to promote the efficiency of the German military machine by representing it here in the matter of buying supplies and in other ways. Furthermore, there is doubt whether the United States government would even undertake to ask for a safe conduct under these conditions.

May Demand Warship.

If the allies should refuse to grant such safe conduct to the successors of the recalled attaches Germany is likely to take another important step. It was learned yesterday that a suggestion already is under serious consideration by the German authorities to call upon the United States to send a cruiser to Germany to carry over the two successors to Capt. Boy-Ed and Von Papen.

2,300 VOLT WIRE STOLEN.

Bold Thieves Burn 1,600 Feet from  
Poles and Escape.

Alexandria, Va., Dec. 4.—Sixteen hundred feet of copper wire, weighing 25 pounds, strung on poles, and supplying current to residents in the vicinity of the Episcopal Theological Seminary, the property of the Alexandria County Light-  
ing Company, was stolen early Thursday morning.

The thieves, to prevent being killed by the 2,300 volts passing through the wire, burned it from the poles.

They also cut nearby telephone wires to prevent an alarm being spread.

France Laughs at Ford.

Paris, Dec. 4.—Henry Ford's peace mission is laughed to scorn here in both official and unofficial quarters, where it is regarded as the most ridiculous episode of the war.

The government is adhering to a policy of peace after victory, which means after the expulsion of the Germans from French soil, including Alsace Lorraine. It utterly disregards the Ford expedition, and is not in the least likely to move a hand to further it.

War Leaders Meet at Calais.

London, Dec. 4.—The press bureau tonight announced that during the day Premier Asquith, Earl Kitchener and First Lord of the Admiralty Balfour, with their military and naval advisers, conferred at Calais with Premier Briand, of France; minister of war, Gen. Gallieni, and minister of marine, Rear Admiral Lacaze.

They returned to London tonight.

Bandits Killed by Sheriff's Posse.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 4.—Two members of a gang of bandits that tried to hold up Iron Mountain passenger train No. 2 near Malvern, are reported to have been killed in a battle with a sheriff's posse early today.

A telephone message from Malvern stated that the sheriff leading the posse also was wounded in the battle.

## WARRANT FOR BARON.

Von Brinken Accused as Plotter, in  
San Francisco Report.

Special to The Washington Herald.

San Francisco, Dec. 4.—Developments in the Federal investigation of the alleged German spy conspiracies here, involving C. C. Crowley, employee of the German consulate; Baron Wilhelm von Brincken, intimate friend of Vice Consul E. H. von Schack, and Robert Capelle, agent of the North German Lloyd Steamship Line, came rapidly this afternoon.

On orders from Washington a warrant charging Baron von Brincken with conspiracy to destroy and interfere with foreign commerce was issued and given to secret service men, with orders to place the baron under arrest.

Within an hour after the new warrant was issued Von Brincken telephoned to United States Attorney Preston that he would surrender himself. He asked that he be given time to arrange for his bonds of \$10,000.

## ITALY IS READY TO HIT GREEKS

New War Spirit in Rome Re-  
sult of Dilatory Tactics  
at Athens.

INDIGNATION BECAUSE KING  
HOLDS BACK HIS DECISION

Must Come Out for or Against Allies  
Soon, Is Substance of Cable  
from Mediterranean.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Rome, Dec. 4.—Reports that Greece had rejected the latest demands of the entente powers stirred Italy today to a new war fever. It was admitted on all sides that if the report should prove true a serious crisis will have arisen and it will be exceedingly difficult to prevent Italy from taking warlike action against Greece.

The foreign office was unusually active the whole morning. Foreign Minister Sonnino arrived at 8:15 and conferred at length with his assistants. An invitation was sent to the Greek minister, M. Camilleas, to come to the foreign office and he arrived at 11:15.

Directly thereafter, M. De Giers, the Russian ambassador, arrived, closely followed by the British ambassador, Sir Rennel Rodd.

At 12 o'clock a semi-official statement was issued, saying:

"A report that Greece has refused the demands of the allies is groundless, as Greece's reply to the allies' second note has not yet been received."

This statement allayed somewhat the irritation which the reports had aroused, but warlike speeches were heard throughout the afternoon in the corridors of Parliament, where the subject of Greco-Italian relations was eagerly discussed.

The consensus of opinion was that if Greece's refusal should be confirmed, the time for action had arrived. Deputy Artoni openly declared that the duty fell upon Italy to teach Greece a lesson by seizing Corfu and other islands and even invading Epirus.

"NO LIBERTY IN AUSTRIA."

Text of Manifesto Said to Have Been  
Issued by Socialists.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Geneva, Dec. 4.—The Socialist newspaper, Solibrecht, publishes the text of a manifesto of the Austrian Social Democratic party, secretly circulated in Austria-Hungary. It reads:

"The truth concerning Austria is that there never was liberty, and during the war regime to which we submitted conditions have been terrible."

"There is neither constitution nor justice, and the executioners have a lot of work to do."

"When the civilized world learns what is really happening in Austria, and what justice has become, it will shudder with horror. We do not want to dwell on the long series of death sentences passed on Czech citizens, but we all speak of the sentences inflicted on Socialists simply for exchanging Socialist ideas."

The manifesto declares the annexation of Belgian and French territory would be a crime, and concludes:

"Austria is suffering terribly. After the war she will be the first to be ruined."

Ship Barely Escapes Submarine.

New York, Dec. 4.—The Italian steamship Verona, which arrived today from Naples, escaped a Teuton submarine in the Mediterranean November 19 by a daring dash. A heavy sea, which caused the submarine to pitch and roll was the chief factor in enabling the Verona to escape.

Capt. Simone Gull said the submarine did not fly a flag, nor did it appear to have a name. There was no way he could tell whether it was a German or Austrian.

Plot Aboard Steamer.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 4.—News has been received of a plot to disable and possibly destroy the Great Northern steamship Minnesota. She is being towed to San Francisco, with three men in irons aboard.

The vessel signalled for help when about 750 miles out of San Francisco. Information received at the Great Northern office says her machinery was tampered with and rendered useless. The meager details indicate the conspiracy was revealed before it could be fully executed.

Special Holiday Excursions.  
Southern Railway, 705 15th, 911 G st.  
—Adv.

## GREECE GIVES UP MACEDONIA TO ENTENTE ALLIES

May Be Used as Base for Sup-  
plies, Is Report Reach-  
ing London.

BERLIN ALSO HEARS

Serbs May Be Allowed to Oc-  
cupy Greek Territory,  
Rumor Says.

ROUMANIA SEIZES VESSELS

Important Move by Bucharest Govern-  
ment Is Indicated by Late Dis-  
patches—Merely as Defense.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Dec. 4.—Grecian Macedonia has been turned over to the entente as a base, according to dispatches reaching here tonight. The following demands of the allies have been granted by the Athens government:

First—Use of Macedonian railways.  
Second—Freedom of all harbors on the Aegean, including Kavalla.  
Third—Permission to the Serbians to use Greek territory.

Told of in Berlin Papers.

Announcement of this action on the part of Greece is made in the Berliner Tageblatt. The paper adds, however, King Constantine has refused to accede to the entente demand that German troops be disarmed and interned if they pursue allied forces across the Greek frontier.

Already the defeated Serbian groups which retreated from Monastir have crossed into Greece. It is reported, and are making their way to join the Anglo-F